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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/24 of 10 November 1999 and its resolution 54/262 of 25 May 2000, by which it decided to convene the Second World Assembly on Ageing, to be held in Spain in April 2002, as well as its resolution 55/58 of 4 December 2000 on the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Bearing in mind that, in its resolution 54/262, the General Assembly decided that the Commission for Social Development would serve as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Reiterating that the Second World Assembly on Ageing should give particular attention, inter alia, to linkages between ageing and development, with particular attention to the needs, priorities and perspectives of developing countries,

Reaffirming the necessity of ensuring that the Second World Assembly on Ageing will provide an action-oriented follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons, and recognizing the importance of an adequate preparatory process,

Affirming that the long-term strategy and plan of action to be adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing should be realistic and relevant, so that its implementation can be followed up effectively,

Reaffirming also that the revised long-term strategy and plan of action on ageing, to be adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing, will contain realistic financial recommendations for implementation,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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Aware of the need for the relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to collaborate among themselves to support and follow up the implementation of the strategy and plan of action to be adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

Recognizing the importance of the contributions of the relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations system and non-governmental organizations to the preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons;[1]

2. *Recommends* that the Preparatory Committee give due consideration to the period to be covered by the proposed strategy and plan of action to be adopted at the Second World Assembly on Ageing;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the full range of tasks of the Unit on Ageing of the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, with a view to ensuring as a matter of urgency that the Unit can fulfil its tasks effectively, including those that might arise from the implementation of the outcome of the Second World Assembly on Ageing;

4. *Invites* all relevant agencies and bodies of the United Nations system to better coordinate their response to the global ageing of populations and integrate within their respective mandates their programmes and activities related to the elderly, taking into account the importance of the perspective of older persons;

5. *Invites* the Second World Assembly on Ageing to address, inter alia, the question of abuse and discrimination against older persons;

6. *Invites* Member States, where appropriate, to consider extending the mandate of national committees or other mechanisms established on the occasion of the International Year of Older Persons in order to undertake national preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, and also invites Member States currently without them to consider appropriate ways or mechanisms for their preparations for the Second World Assembly;

7. *Invites* the regional commissions, within their respective mandates, to explore the feasibility of undertaking regional activities with Member States, non-governmental organizations and other relevant actors of civil society in their region, to participate in and follow up the Second World Assembly on Ageing;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.

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[1] A/56/152.